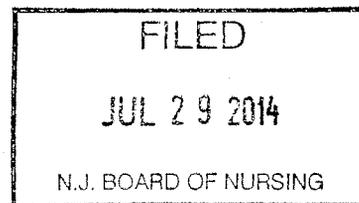


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	Administrative Action
LICENSE OF	:	
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MARGARET WESTFALL, R.N.	:	ORDER RESCINDING
LICENSE #26NR 15180000	:	FINAL ORDER OF
	:	DISCIPLINE AND
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	REINSTATING LICENSE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (" Board") upon receipt of respondent's request for reinstatement of her nursing license, which had been suspended by a Final Order of Discipline entered on July 11, 2014. The basis for the suspension was respondent's failure to demonstrate completion of continuing education required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 for the 2010-2012 licensing cycle. A reprimand had also been imposed by the Final Order of Discipline based upon a

finding that respondent engaged in misrepresentation on her 2012 renewal application with respect to continuing education, as well as a \$250 civil penalty for failure to timely complete continuing education. Respondent has now demonstrated that the findings of fact and conclusions of law on which the July 11, 2014 order was based were erroneous, as she did timely complete 30 contact hours of required continuing education in March of 2012, made no misrepresentations, and attempted in good faith to demonstrate her compliance.

Respondent has also demonstrated, by means of a signed receipt for certified mail, that she had mailed in documentation of the continuing education in response to the Provisional Order of Discipline filed on May 5, 2014, which preceded the filing of the July 11, 2014 filing of the Final Order of Discipline. It cannot be ascertained at this time whether the mailing was misdirected internally, but it was apparently not delivered to the Board's Executive Director.

Accordingly, the Board finding that reinstatement of respondent's nursing license is fair and appropriate, as well as rescission of the suspension, the reprimand and the \$250 civil penalty as of the date they were entered, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 29th day of July, 2014

HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's petition for reinstatement of her license to practice nursing in New Jersey is hereby granted.

The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and penalties imposed pursuant to the July 11, 2014 Final Order of Discipline are hereby rescinded, nunc pro tunc, and Division of Consumer Affairs records shall indicate Ms. Westfall was suspended in error and that she has been reinstated retroactive to July 11, 2014 as if the erroneous suspension had never occurred.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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